

CONTACT REPORT

Thursday, 1 June 1961 from 1930 to 2100 hours at [ ] house

Present: [ ] and [ ]

Next regular meeting: Thursday, 15 June 1961 at 1930 hours; Alternate, 18 June

1. As of this morning, N's trip to Beirut was still on, but he does not know anything regarding a definite departure date, length of stay, or purpose of trip. N said he was informed by Ghassai KHATIB that "the Pasha" (Habis MAJALLI) is preparing a car with a driver and it will be ready in three or four days. KHATIB told N that he would be going in a few days time. N concludes from his discussion with KHATIB that KHATIB does not know the purpose of the trip and N believes the purpose is known only to [ ] and Habis MAJALLI. In answer to S's question about the significance of the car and driver, N replied that Habis knows that N does not know how to drive a car. N said perhaps the car is for his use in Beirut because he will travel by air because he could not drive through Syria where he is known to UAR authorities. S and N circled for a while on what "preparing a car" meant and the best explanation seemed to be that the cars and licenses presently used by the Political Section are known by too many people -- and probably by Syrian and Lebanese "agents" so Habis is preparing a clean car, license plate and driver. Further S and N discussion did not add anything conclusive.

N thought he would know something definite about the trip by Sunday, 4 June so he and S made arrangements for a sight contact at 0900 hours, Sunday and in passing N is to give S one of three signals to let S know if 1) N knows definitely about the trip, 2) the trip is off completely, or 3) he doesn't know anything. If N indicates that he knows something, he will come to S's house at 1930 hours Sunday night.

2. N still speculates that the purpose of his trip is to check the

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activities of Hajj Al Amin al HUSAYNI, and in relation to this he reported the following which came to the Political Section from the Jordan Embassy in Beirut. N attributed these reports to agents (unknown to N) in Lebanon. The reports were prepared in Beirut by Sgt. Major Hajj MUSTAFA of the JAA.

(a) Iraq (QASIM) has given or made available to Hajj Al Amin Al HUSAYNI some 9,000,000 pounds sterling. (No details. S questioned N on the amount. N repeated it in both English and Arabic and insisted this was the amount reported.)

b) Hajj Al HUSAYNI is also receiving money from the Soviet Union but no amounts were mentioned.

c) Hajj Al HUSAYNI recently returned from India and has begun urging the refugees in Lebanon to go to Iraq for training. The Hajj is also going to extend this campaign to Syria and Lebanon.

(S pointed out to N that this information is so incomplete and fragmentary that it is useless to anybody. S asked N if he was telling all and N replied that he was.)

5. During the last week of May, 1961, the Political Section confiscated some 15 invitations sent by Patriarch Alexis of Moscow to Patriarch Benedictus of Jerusalem and to his Archbishops and Archimandrites. The invitations were extended to the group to attend a religious conference in Prague in mid-June 1961, followed by a two week visit to Moscow and the USSR. All the expenses of the trip to be borne by Patriarch Alexis. The invitations were all registered letters but were confiscated before reaching the addressees. When the Jordanian postal authorities received the invitations, they notified the Political Section which promptly confiscated them without informing the addressees and instructed the postal